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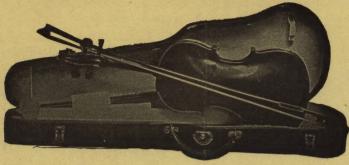
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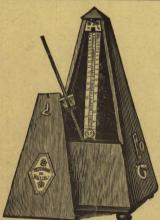
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### SELECTIONS FOR THE MONTH One Sweetly Solemn Thought.

Variations.....Butler The Artist Waltz......Holcombe Dancing in the Sunbeams Butler Oh! Susanna March.....Butler Whispers From Home and

Mother. Reverie.....Mergen Echoes From the Old Homestead A Ramble for the Piano..Long

LIVES OF GREAT PIANISTS.

#### FREDERICK CHOPIN. (Continued From Last Month.)

What, and how, Elsner taught Chopin can only be guessed at. In a letter written to Chopin in 1834 he speaks of himself as "your teacher of harmony and counterpoint, of little merit, but fortunate." Liszt writes: "Elsner taught Chopin those things that are the most difficult to learn and most rarely known: to be exacting to one's self and to value the advantages that are obtained only by dint of patience and labor." Probably neither Zywny nor Elsner put Chopin through any severe scholastic drill; they appear to have permitted him rather to develop his singular gifts in his own way. Chopin himself was very grateful to Elsner. Allusions and messages to Elsner are freesteem between the two.

Frederick Chopin entered the fourth class at the Lyceum, and twice managed to gain a prize for something or other. There is no trace of his having taken up Greek or advanced mathematics, or that he ever exlampooning the Dons. He often took part in private theatricals at his father's house, he continued to hold Hummel's work in high great comedian.

ing the first movement of a concerto by Liszt, there is hardly a trace. Moscheles, and improvising on a newly in- About the middle of July, 1820, Chopin set vented instrument, the aelopantaleon,-an out, accompanied by three friends, on a attempt at combining the effects of the har-journey to Vienna. Some time previously, monium with those of the pianoforte. There various manuscripts of his had been sent to is no direct record of the quality of his Haslinger, a leading Viennese publisher. On playing on this occasion, but a Warsaw cor- presenting himself at Haslinger's with a letrespondent of the Allgemeine musikalische ter of introduction from Elsner, he was re-Zeitung, Leipsic (this is the first profession- ceived with profuse expressions of good will, al notice of Chopin), reported that "young and told that one of his compositions would Chopin distinguished himself in his impro- soon be in the print, the Variations on visations by the abundance of his ideas." Mozart's "La ci darem la mano," op. 2. Soon afterwards he played upon the aelodiamond ring.

In 1825 also was published Chopin's op. pass without distinction.

taining novel effects; and with the aid of hastened on my appearance." On the 11th the instrument. Excepting the Variations cess. on "La ci darem," op. 2, and the Trio, op. 8,

minor pieces of Hummel; and we know that disposed towards him. much in the development of Chopin's style. the commencement of a bar," that is to

In 1825 he again appeared in public, play- Of Paganini, who so powerfully influenced

"Count Gallenberg, who happened to come melodicon, another instrument of the har- in opportunely," urged him to give a conmonium kind, before the Russian Emperor cert at the Kantenerthor theatre, of which Alexander I., who rewarded him with a he was the lessee; a lucky chance, as it seemed to Chopin and actually proved to be.

He paid many visits in Vienna. And i. "Premier Rondeau." C minor. From this wherever he went he got the same advice: time onwards to 1827, when he left the "Give a Concert." Capellmeister Wurfel Lyceum, it is clear that the study of music (one of Haslinger's people), who had known had got the upper hand. He seems to have him at Warsaw, asserted that it would be tried his best to get through some school "a disgrace to himself, his parents, and his work as well: perhaps to the detriment of teachers not to make an appearance in his health, as it has been suggested. At public," and that "no one who has comthe final examination he just managed to posed anything new and wishes to make a noise in the world can do so unless he per-Henceforth, with the full consent of his form the work himself." Moreover, he was parents and the encouragement of Elsner, assured that the newspapers would say music was to be his sole aim and his pro- pleasant things. In short, Haslinger, an fession. Taking the little Rondo in C minor astute man of business, who had a vision as the gauge of his attainments in 1825, we of monetary success with Chopin's pieces, must suppose that his powers developed was pulling the wires with a will! Various rapidly; for in 1828 he was allowed to start pianoforte makers offered their instruments. on a journey to Berlin. He must have "As I claimed no honorarium" (of course, practised assidiuously, with a view to ob- there was none to be had), "Gallenberg the new pianoforte technique, which then of August, 1829, when all the world was out dawned upon him, to have striven hard to get of town, the concert took place, and Hasout of the beaten tracks in composing for linger's journals pronounced it a great suc-

Chopin improvised on a theme from "La which was then almost completed, and Dame Blanche," and on a Polish tune, which he published himself, the efforts of "Schmiel," which although it did not satisfy these years are contained in the posthumous himself, pleased the audience. "The memworks: the Polonaises in G minor, D minor, bers of the orchestra cursed my badly writquent in his letters, and from first to last and B flat, the Nocturne in E minor, the ten music" (i. e., the defective band parts) there is abundant evidence of affection and Rondo for two pianos, the Sonata, op. 4, etc. "and were not favorably inclined towards In 1829, Hummel, then in the zenith of me, until I began the improvisation; but his fame, but with his powers as an ex-then they joined in the applause." On the ecutant beginning to decline, visited War- 18th of August he appeared again; producsaw. Paganini soon followed him. Unfor- ing the "Krakowiak," and repeating the tunately no trustworthy record remains as Variations. There was a paying audience to the impression the performances of these on this occasion; professional musicians ceeded the average schoolboy's modicum of masters produced upon Chopin. Chopin in were struck by the charm of his style; the Latin. His schoolfellows liked him for his those early days closely studied, imitated critics appreciated him at something like lively ways and the scrapes he got into for and emulated the concertos and certain his true value; everybody appeared kindly

One of his peculiarities as an executant "being always ready with an improvisa- esteem all along, particularly for teaching touched upon in the report of the "Theatertion when another fellow happend to forget purposes. Yet, admitting that Chopin in zeitung" was: "There were defects noticehis part." A Polish actor who was stage his early compositions appears as a disciple able in the young man's playing, among manager on such occasions, gave it as his of Hummel, it is doubtful whether the ex- which we may specially mention the nonopinion that Frederick was born to be a ample of Hummel as a player counts for observance of the indication by accent of say, he was remarkable for just and delicate of what one is willing to give up. If you pianist you attended the other day, you the fact that "he is a young man who goes your reward." his own way," and that "he desired to proof passages with the utmost neatness." The such work. They practice mechanically, er can do this for you. principal stricture amounted to no more read no books, dodge honest teachers and than that his tone was "insufficient for a place themselves in the hands of charlatans" If you are a vocal student take every oping, and that he would "rather be told he cated; and with Schuppanzigh, Beethoven's with mediocrities. A young and pretty lady pianist, Leopoldine prisonment. Blahetka, openly set her cap at him, of-(To Be Continued.)

By the Noted Musical Author-Critic. HENRY T. FINCK.

### (CONTINUED FROM LAST MONTH) A Letter to the Writer.

extract from a letter of that kind:

"I am seventeen years of age and have not enjoy myself in anything which is not Let me give you a very special reason not always bring desired results."

Quite so; thousands upon thousands feel of times. as if they "would do anything" to become great musicians. But unless there is a own toys enjoy them much more than those dreds of times. natural talent combined with an infinite who get their ready made. Nothing is more capacity for hard work, it's no use trying.

#### Destinn Tells the Truth.

"domestic work may often be drudgery, but selves. it is a picnic compared with the drudgery opera singers." To young girls who aim at

played too delicately than too roughly." "It honest teachers" because they are a home and beauty. If at first you don't succeed, is my manner of playing." One likes to thrust which reveals the cause of more try, try again. Edison sometimes tries hunhear of his making friends with Count than half the failures in the musical world. dreds of chemical combinations till he hits Moritz Lichnowski, Beethoven's friend, to It is the charlatans who spoil the business on what he wants. whom the Sonatas op. 35 and 90 are dedi- of decent teachers and flood the market

in the expectation that they will "do it all" you the tone quality you want. DON'T EXPECT THE TEACHER TO DO for them. For these "teachers" are too shy work. That's what makes them popular.

#### The Delights of Work.

in the world. One need not go so far as ing) based their marvelous success. that blase Englishman who said that life some kind.

Ergo, ye music students, work, work, and get engagements. studied but one year. From as little of my- again work. Don't wait for your teacher to in the pianistic field? As far as liking immensely and make him take off his hat this literary music lesson admirably. music is concerned, let me say that I can- to you—unless "he" happens to be a woman.

those have to undergo who want to become ing out things for yourself may be desirable. when practicing, played a piece through

A few examples of what I mean by find-

phrasing, and did not choose to beat time really are prepared to sacrifice all the fun were delighted, I am sure, among other with his fists! Another account emphasizes that your youth is entitled to, you may have things, by the beauty of tone. Now sit down at your piano and see if you cannot by The trouble is that, as she continues, varying your touch (in combination with the duce good music" rather than to please. "barely one in a hundred of the girls who right pedal) produce similar tonal effects. "He executed the greatest difficulties with aspire to stage honors has the courage or Listen intently and you will soon be fasciprecision and accuracy, rendering all sorts the brains to make such sacrifices and do nated by subtle tonal differences. No teach-

#### Listen to Great Singers.

large room." He in his turn asserted that who promise, for a certain sum, to land portunity to hear the famous singers: and the Viennese people had a taste for thump- them in the opera houses in a few months." when you get back home try to produce "I have emphasized the words "dodge similar tones-similar, I mean, in quality

The teacher can give you hints, but he cannot do it all for you, I repeat once more. leader of quartets. With Czerny, Chopin Liszt perhaps went too far when he said If you have in your mind a concept of the played duets on two pianos. "A good man, that mediocrity in music is a crime, but the kind of tone you want (after hearing it at but nothing more;" on bidding farewell activity of these mediocrity-makers is a a recital), as Edison has in mind what he "Czerny was warmer than his compositions." crime which ought to be punishable by im- wants, you really can in this way greatly improve your voice. Just as you think of It makes me very sad to think how many C or E or some other tone and then sing fered her compositions as a souvenir, etc. thousands of young music students there it exactly so you can gradually train the are who patronize these charlatan teachers, organs and muscles in your throat to give

> This is truly wonderful and it is a point to ask their foolish pupils to do any hard of superlative importance to every student of singing. On this method, hearing the vocalists and trying to echo them so far as Yet work is, when you look at it the right tonal quality is concerned, the masters of way, the greatest and most enjoyable thing the old Italian bel canto (or beautiful sing-

Of course you cannot, in this way, acquire During my long career as a musical critic would be quite tolerable if it wasn't for the that individual peculiarity in a voice which I have received ever so many letters from amusements. But it is certainly true that makes you exclaim "that's Caruso," or young girls and men asking for advice as if you don't work you are likely to be bored "that's Emma Eames," or "Geraldine Farto what they ought to do. When I have had (idle rich folk are horribly bored most of rar;" but you do not want that. What you time I have answered those letters, although the time); and Schopenhauer said truly do want is an approximation to the tonal it seemed a useless proceeding, for to give that boredom is the worst of all tortures. beauty of such great voices; and to that valuable advice I would have to know a Hard workers who "strike oil" or retire you will add your own individual touch." great deal more about these writers than from business for other reasons, usually die You cannot avoid that, and it is to be hoped they could tell in a letter. Here is a short soon. They cannot live without labor of it is an engaging individual touch. Voices differ-like faces. If they are engaging you

Benjamin Franklin's "God helps them that self as I have told you do you think there show you what you want to know but find helps themselves" (which, by the way, is a is any possibility of my becoming prominent it out for yourself. That will please him maxim borrowed from Sidney), fits into

### Practicing at Morges.

Help yourself, work by yourself, as the concerned with it. I practice five hours a why it is important that you should not let great artists do. You cannot avoid drudday and sometimes more. If I am not at the the teacher do it all for you: You are like- gery—the greatest artists cannot do that. piano I am thinking about it. I would do ly to forget what he tells you, even if he Twelve years ago I spent a fortnight at anything to become a great musician. But says it repeatedly; but what you find out Morges as the guest of Paderewski. He was as you no doubt believe yourself, this does for yourself you never forget. I have found preparing the great Liszt sonata for his this proved by my own experience hundreds next tour; and he practiced daily for hours. He did not play the sonata through from Children who learn how to make their start to finish but repeated passages hun-

He also played what we call five finger foolish than to do things for them that they exercises. When I asked him if he didn't could do as well for themselves. It is really find that a great bore he replied that it was The famous Bohemian opera singer, Em- cruel, for it deprives them of much fun— terrible—that it required all his iron will my Destinn, once said to a journalist that the pleasure of finding out things for them- to make him keep at it. But that's what made him Paderewski.

I once knew another pianist who always. At a recital by Paderewski, or Novaes, or from beginning to end, though he knew success she says: "It is mostly a question Grainger, or Schelling, or some other great most of it as well as he would ever know it. essary to interest them.

hearers.

It is with music as with books. If the pupil." authors take no pleasure in writing them the readers get no pleasure from perusing them. And this brings us back to the superlative importance of learning to enjoy your you go about it the right way.

your teacher can be made entertaining if telligence, experience of life, and a knowl- Round," Master William Bloggins, Jr., seized you tackle them your own way, putting edge of travel, and is familiar with the the opportunity to retire for a few minutes some of our own mind into them. He can-writings of the poets, philosophers, and behind the Japanese screen with his sire's not make your fingers limber and nimble; historians of ancient and modern times. half-smoked cigar. you must do that yourself. Nor can he pos- These are the food for the mind of any sibly indicate to you every shade of accent great artist, and the result finds expression was observed by one of the company to be and pace which invests playing with life through his own special metier. \* \* \* To looking far from well. His face had taken and emotional interest.

him only in emergencies. So with your stretch, but by no means waste those other teacher. The poor man is probably over- three hours." worked. Do not bother him with trifling things that you can find out for yourself.

musicial invalid, are you?

#### LESSONS BY BEETHOVEN.

"To the acrobats of the key-board who abounded in his day," says Henry T. Finck in Success in Music, "Beethoven referred contemptuously to pianists 'who prance up and down the key-board with passages in which they have exercised themselvesputsch, putsch, putsch; what does that of these gentlemen, all reason and feeling copyright music is published in our musical monthly. are generally lost in the nimbleness of their fingers.'

"Regarding Beethoven's method of teaching, Riis says: 'When I made a mistake in a passage, or struck wrongly notes or leaps which he often wanted specially emphasized, he seldom said anything; but if my fault was in expression, or a crescendo, or in the character of the piece, he became angry, because, as he said, the former was accidental, while the latter showed lack of knowledge, feeling or attention. He himself very often made mistakes of the former kind, even when playing in public.'

nephew Beethoven wrote: 'With regard to his playing, I beg you, if once he has got

He always stumbled over the same difficult the right fingering and plays in good time places, made an angry exclamation, repeated with notes fairly correct, then only pull him particular attention to the pedal, and when them once or twice and then hurried on. He up about the rendering; and when he is a pupil pedaled badly he was declared to be never fully mastered the difficulties; while arrived at that stage, don't let him stop for no pianist at all. No matter how great the the piece as a whole, after all these repeti- the sake of small faults, but point them pupil's dexterity might be Kullak was not tions, palled on him so that he could not out to him when he has played the piece satisfied unless the pedal dexterity was corplay it before others with the interest nec- through. Although I have done little in the respondingly great. He said, "The pedal way of teaching, I have always adopted draws a cloud like a veil, a deeply romantic You cannot fool an audience. If the piece this plan; it soon forms musicians, which, dimness over the tone picture. The effect you play bores you, it will surely bore your after all, is one of the first aims of art, will be more certain if not applied too and it gives less trouble to both master and often. The 'cantilina' (singing melody) will

#### MARK HAMBOURG.

Mark Hambourg, in an article on How to work. Life isn't worth living if you don't. Play the Piano, in The Ladies' Realm, No-Almost anything can be made enjoyable if vember, 1905, says: "I do not think a man can interpret the works of the great com- his annual party, was obliging his guests The dryest technical problems set by posers unless he be possessed of broad in- with "Tis Love That Makes the World Go get the most out of life it is necessary to on the hue of putty, and his eyes stood It is as unreasonable to rely on your be in touch with all that is going on about out like small hat pegs. teacher for these details as it is to run to you; and if you do not get the most out of your doctor every time you have a headache life, in its best sense, your Art will be the ter?" cried Mrs. Bloggins in alarm. "I beor an attack of indigestion. Correct your sufferer. That is why I say, practice an lieve you've been smoking." faulty habits of eating and you will need hour at a time rather than four hours at a

And again: "When practicing, I should about, I-I re-reckon I'm in love!" never advise a student to play a piece To develop your muscles you must walk through from beginning to end till it is well and climb, not ride. Relying too much on learned. A piece should be studied as entertainment of others in the exercise of your teacher is like trying to get muscular poetry—idea for idea. It should be played his art works his own punishment, not only exercise by means of massaging. That is slowly and evenly, and when perfected, the through the deterioration of his artistic all right for invalids-but you are not a next idea should be treated in the same way, ideals but by engaging in a task unworthy and then the two played until they go of freemen and fit alone for hirelings.smoothly, and the third is taken up."

The great teacher, Kullak, used to give thus sound grander and loftier, and therefore the pedal may be used most frequently in singing passages."

### ILL EFFECTS.

When Bloggins, Sr., on the occasion of

The applause subsiding, Master Bloggins

"Good gracious, Willie! What's the mat-

Willie shook his head.

"Taint that," he declared, untruthfully. "If it's true what father's been singing

The musician who considers merely the Aristotle

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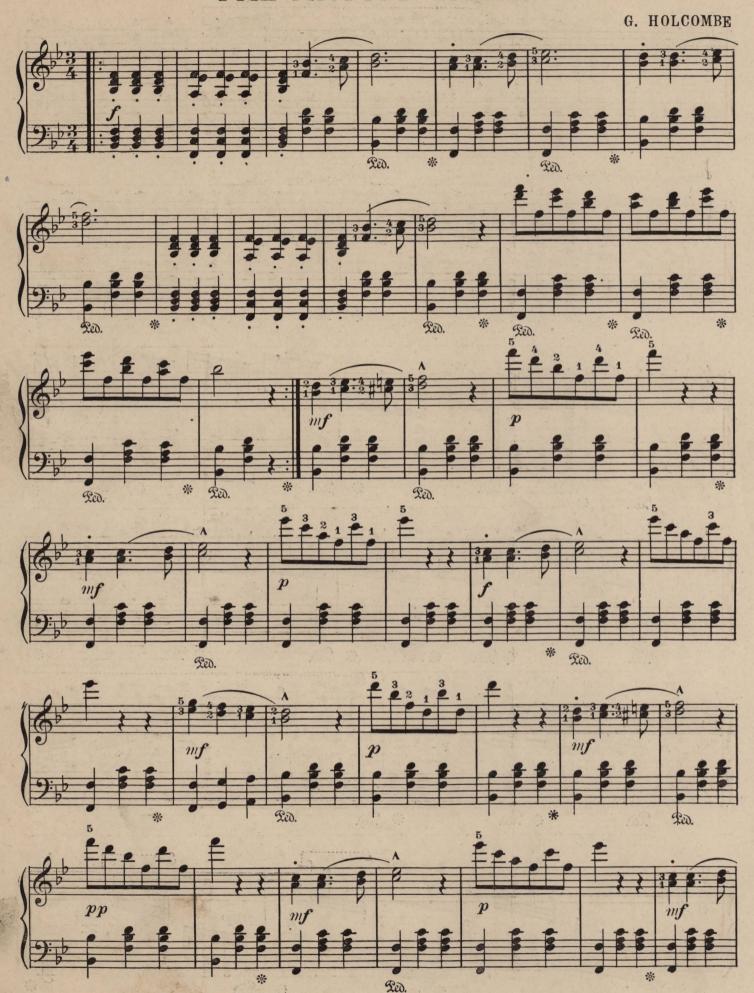




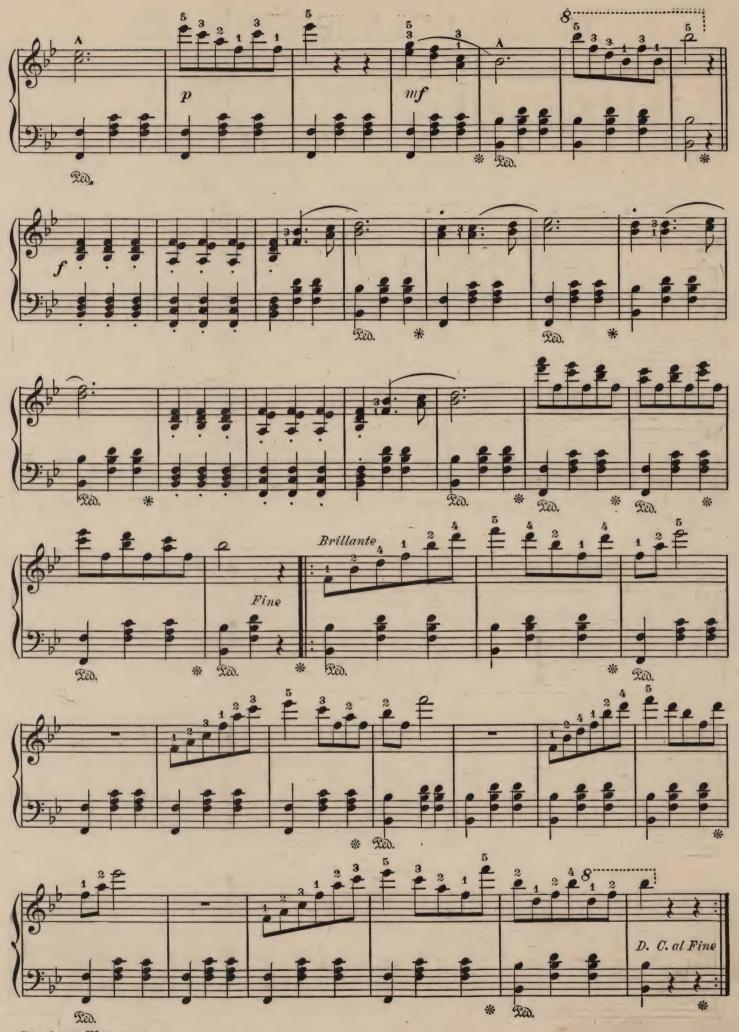




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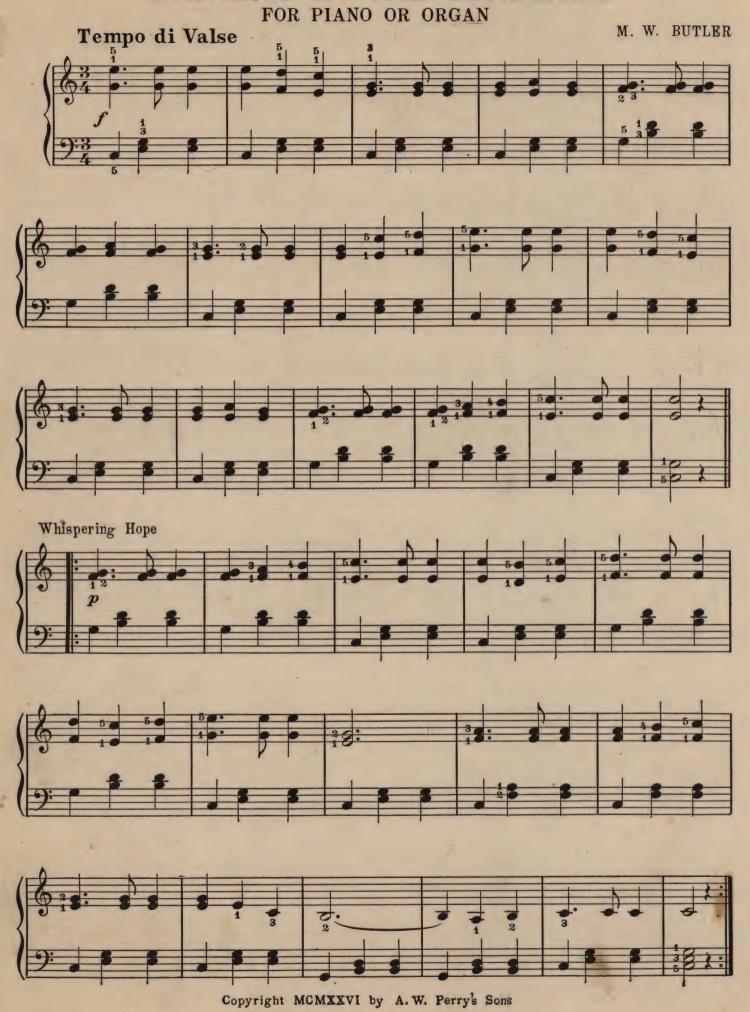


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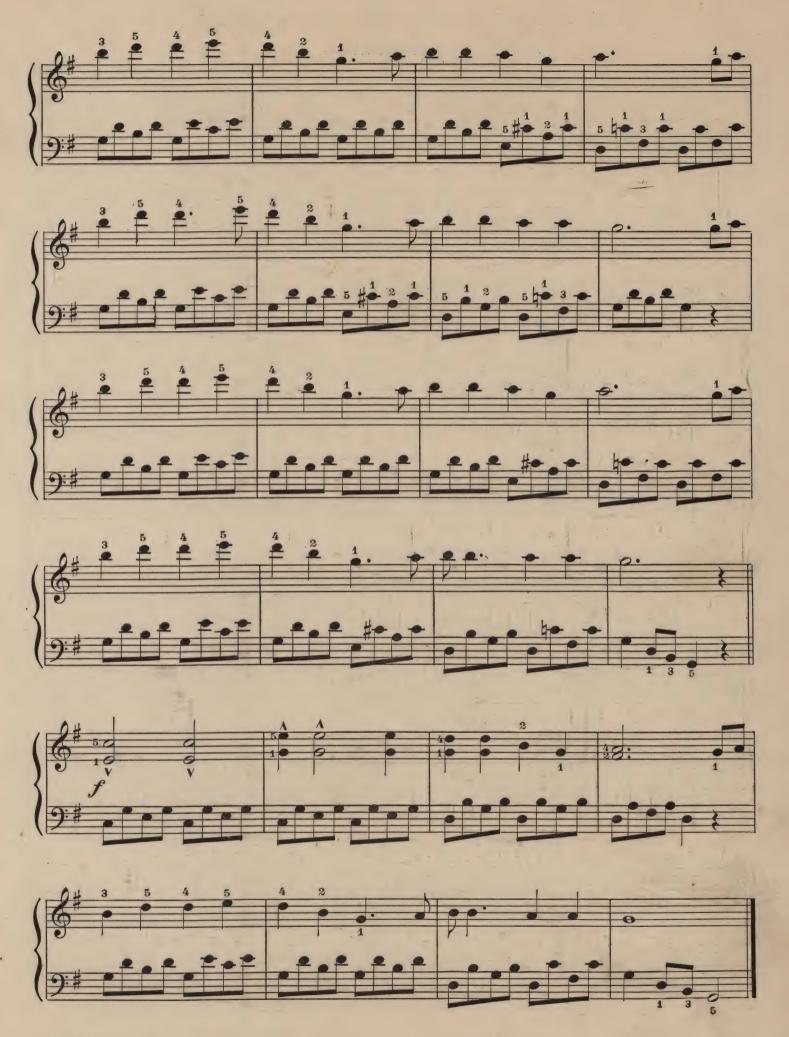
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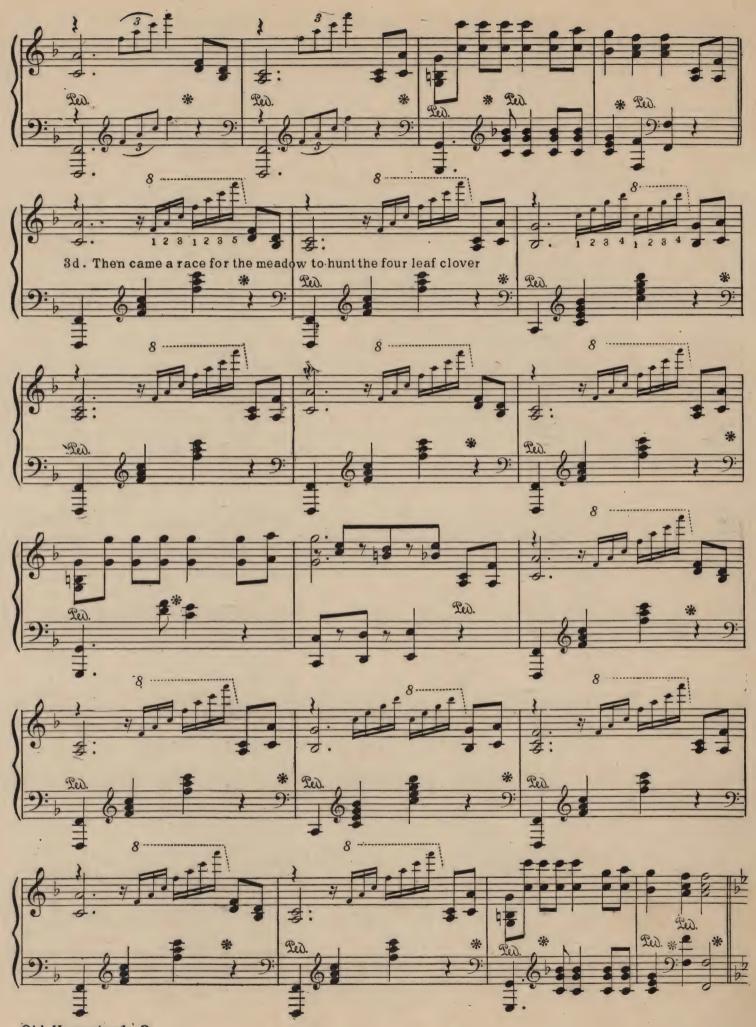


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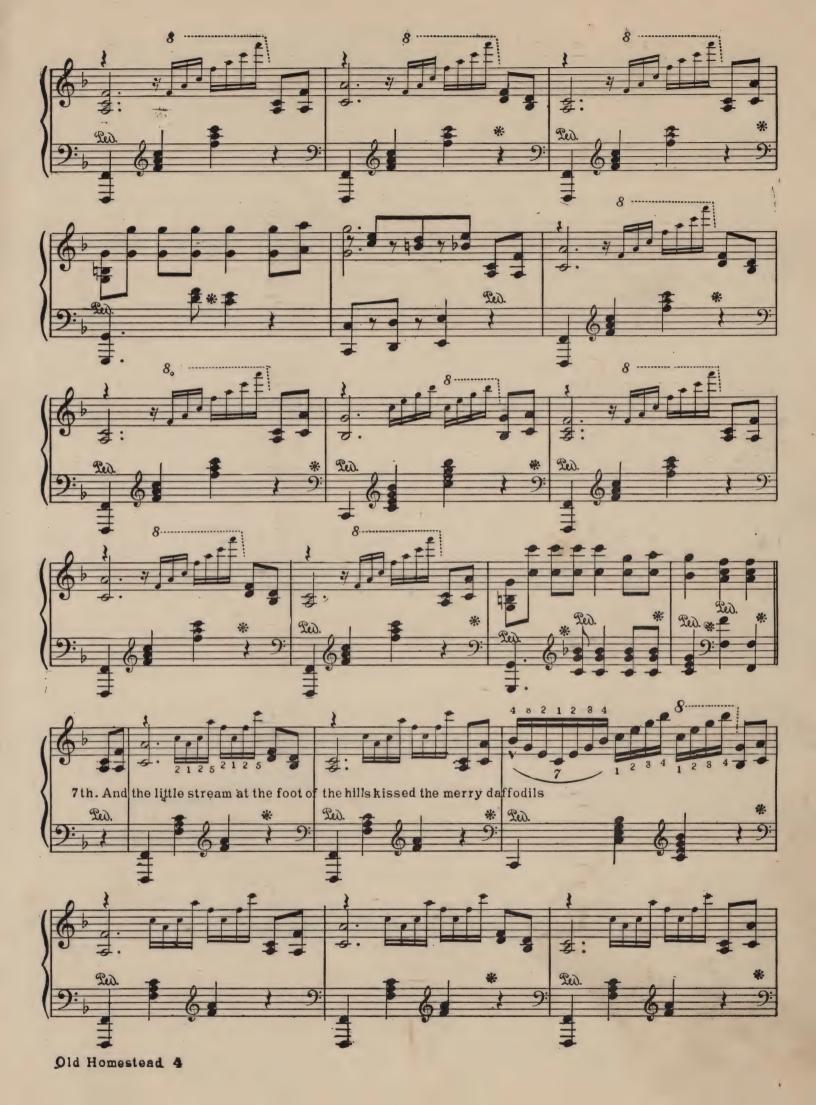
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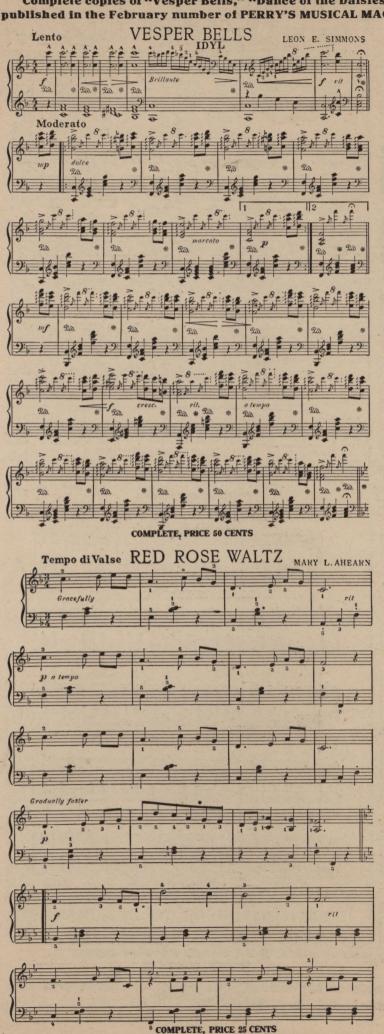
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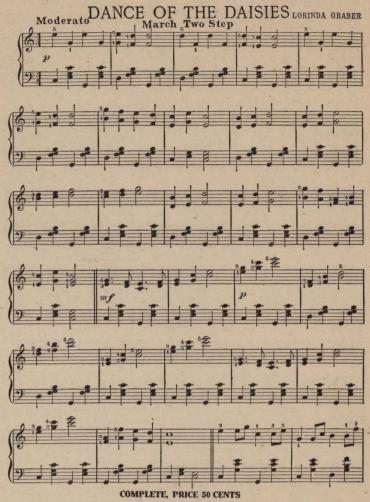






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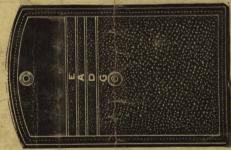
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